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In re Application of:

Mark S. ABAD *et al.*

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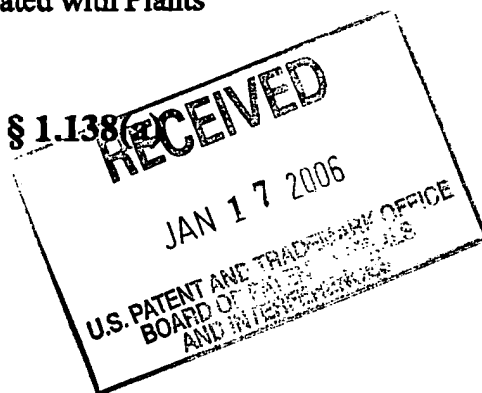
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Atty. Docket: 16517.316

For: Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other Molecules Associated with Plants

Express Abandonment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.138

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Sir:

Applicants request that U.S. Application Serial No. 09/696,664 be expressly abandoned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.138(a) upon entry of the Amendment filed January 6, 2006.

Applicants note that a continuation application based on the above-identified application was filed on January 12, 2006.

Should the Commissioner require additional information, he is invited to contact the undersigned at the number provided below. The undersigned is an attorney of record and therefore has authority to expressly abandon the above-captioned U.S. application.

Respectfully submitted,

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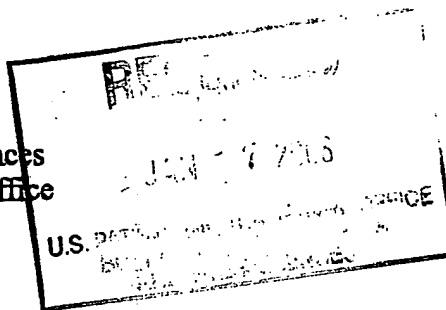
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Inventors: Mark S. ABAD *et al.*
Title: Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other Molecules Associated with Plants
Atty. Dkt.: 16517.316 (38-21(51721)B/US)

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences is an Express Abandonment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.138(a).

In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. Appellants do not believe any fees are due in conjunction with this filing. However, if any fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 are required in the present application, including any fees for extensions of time, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Arnold & Porter LLP Deposit Account No. 50-2387, referencing docketing number 16517.316.

Sincerely,

David R. Marsh (Reg. No. 41,408)

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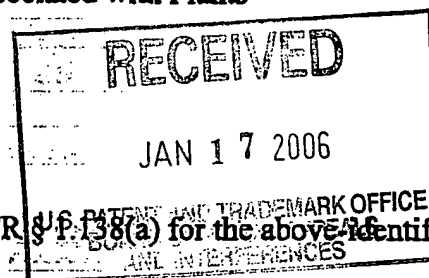
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